



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON MA 02114

**Policy for Developing Water Needs Forecasts for Public Water Suppliers
and Methodology for Implementation**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND REVISIONS

The following documents are available for review on the Water Resources Commission website,
<http://www.mass.gov/envir/mwrc/default.htm>:

- Response to public comments received on the draft Policy for Developing Water Needs Forecasts for Public Water Suppliers and Methodology for Implementation
- Revised Policy and Methodology document

This policy updates and combines the WRC policy on developing water needs forecasts for public water suppliers, dated February 2001, and the forecasting methodology approved by the WRC in 1991. The WRC technical staff at the Department of Conservation and Recreation work with communities to develop forecasts of water supply needs which can be used in long-term water supply planning and for submission to MassDEP under the Water Management Act. This draft document provides the policy and methodology for developing those forecasts.

WRC staff will accept additional public comments received by 4:00 p.m., November 19, 2007 on the revisions to the policy and methodology. Please mail or e-mail all comments or address any questions to:

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The Water Resources Commission will discuss the draft Policy and Methodology at its meetings on **November 8** and **December 13**, 2007, at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. These are public meetings at which 30 to 60 minutes will be allocated for final discussion and comments on the revisions. It is expected that the Commission will vote on the document at its meeting on December 13, 2007.